

AT HELM, SAYS CLARK

Speaker Nails Report That Majority Leader Is to Be Side-Tracked by Democrats.

Exaggerated reports that Democrats of the House were thinking of "deposing" Mr. Clark, the majority leader, are energetically nailed as untrue today by Speaker Champ Clark. The speaker says such rumors are "arrant nonsense" and "tomfoolery."

The speaker refers with optimism to the prospect of an eventual "get-together" of all Democrats on the preparedness and revenue program, and says Mr. Clark is entitled to his own opinion, the same as any other member. Accurate published reports of the situation in the House make no claim that the majority leader is to be deposed, but it was stated authoritatively that the anti-preparedness cause is losing ground, and that the pacifists are now talking of a compromise on the preparedness issue.

With this end in view, close friends of Mr. Clark are to see him this week and urge that he take the initiative in bringing about a compromise. They will urge him to lead in fact as well as name, regretting that so far Mr. Clark has been unable to sponsor, wholeheartedly such Administration measures of the tariff commission and the shipping bill.

The pacifist contingent has been shown by the Wilson-Garrison correspondence that the President is willing to meet Congress half way on the preparedness issue, and conferences were held Friday and Saturday among the "peace navy" and "peace army" men looking to a get-together of Democrats so that the Republicans will not hold the balance of power and put over their own defense program.

Mr. Clark is to be brought to open negotiations for a compromise, and simultaneously, it will be pointed out to the majority leader that his position as leader may suffer if he continues to hold aloof on all Administration propositions.

There is, however, no movement on to "depose" Mr. Clark. His friends merely seek to have him take the lead on some sort of a defense program, and recognize the principle that "all legislation is the result of compromise."

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ELECTS J. J. BUCKLEY

St. Paul Branch Votes to Affiliate With Union of Catholic Archdiocese.

With the selection of John J. Buckley as secretary, the Holy Name Society of St. Paul's Catholic Church perfected organization at a meeting in the church hall last night. The society decided unanimously to affiliate with the Holy Name Union of the archdiocese of Baltimore, upon the suggestion of P. J. Halligan, who presided at the meeting. The question of changing the hour of holding the semi-monthly Holy Name communion mass is to be determined by the Rev. James E. Krug, spiritual director, and the officers. In discussing this subject, Col. William B. Johnston, U. S. A., spoke briefly on the advance of the church in the world, declaring one parish priest there averages 1,000 communions a month. Plans for a smoker to be held before Lent will be announced at the next meeting by a committee comprising J. W. Murphy, J. W. Cotter, and Andrew L. Hickey.

MISSISSIPPIANS TO ATTEND BANQUET

District Society Invites Senators And Former Senators to Annual Reunion.

Senators Williams and Vandaman, former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, and a score of other prominent public men will be guests at the first annual banquet of the Mississippi Society of the District at the New Elbert, February 28. Music will be furnished by Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell, Miss Lillian Chenoweth, William Braithwaite, and Joseph Schofield. Miss Ethel Garrett Johnson, accompanist. An orchestra of twenty pieces will play.

The committee of arrangements consists of James U. McCormack, chairman; Benjamin G. Humphreys, Van H. Manning, Dr. Clifton P. Clark, Dr. Oscar Wilkinson, Harry Peyton, Orlando Smith, Walter E. Brown, George V. Potter, W. Ramsey, Mr. Charles V. Pettway, Miss Alice Luak, Mrs. Thomas H. Herndon, Miss Bennie Nabers, Miss Lillian Chenoweth, and Mrs. H. O. Cutting.

PORTO RICO OPPOSED TO U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Prefers Independence, According To Messages Sent to Congress Here.

Jose de Diego, speaker of the House of Delegates of Porto Rico, has sent to members of Congress here messages from the Porto Rican legislature opposing the granting of American citizenship to the Porto Ricans, and favoring a system of self-government in which the citizenship question is eliminated.

The view of those Porto Ricans who take this position is that they do not want American citizenship, but self-government, and their own citizenship. The basis in the island in favor of self-government looking toward independence, is back of the messages to Congress.

Holy Comforter Church Holds Benefit Luncheon

The young women of the Church of the Holy Comforter are conducting in the old Masonic Temple luncheon and dinner, the proceeds of which will be devoted to the needs of the poor in the parish, dinners being served from 11:30 to 1 o'clock and the luncheon from 1:30 to 2 p. m. The program will be continued tomorrow.

PHOTOPLAYS AND PHOTOPLAYERS

TODAY'S BEST FILMS

By GARDNER MACK.

Frances Nelson, in "Love's Crucible" (World Film Corp.), Grandall's, Ninth and E streets.

Charlotte Walker, in "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," adapted from the book by John Fox, Jr., and the play by Eugene Walter (Lasky), Grandall's, Columbia, Twelfth and F streets.

Miss and Mrs. Vernon Castle in "The Whirl of Life," the Casino, F, near Seventh street.

George Fawcett, in "The Corner" (Famous Film), the Strand, Ninth and D streets.

Willard Mack in "The Conqueror" (Triangle Film), the Garden, 423 Ninth street.

Mary Pickford in "The Foundling" (Famous Players), the Leader, Ninth, between E and F streets.

German Pictures of the war, prepared by "The Rutherford" magazine, Grandall's Theatre, Ninth, between E and F streets.

Robert Leonard and Ella Hall in "Just From Sweden" (Universal), the Hippodrome, Ninth street and New York avenue.

Virginia Pearson and Joseph Kilgore, in "Thou Art The Man" (Vitagraph), the Circle, 206 Pennsylvania avenue.

Dorothy Donnelly, in "Madame X" (Pathe), the Masonic Auditorium, Thirtieth street and New York avenue.

Edna Goodrich and James Cruze in "Arcturion's Wife" by Margaret Turnbull (Lasky), Grandall's Apollo, 24 H street northeast.

Roscoe Arbuckle in "Patty's Twelfth" (Famous Players), Twelfth and C streets northeast.

Note: These selections are made from programs prepared by the managers of the theatre concerned, and no responsibility is assumed for arbitrary changes without notice to the Times. They are based on the personality of the players and the producing company, and not personal inspection, except in special cases. G. M.

Pianist Believes Film Can Be of Value in Teaching Technique

Masters of piano technique, like Paderewski, Hoffmann, Rosenthal, et al., may be expected to crowd the markets of motion pictures with suggestions as to the best method of working out the scheme of giving examples of real piano technique through motion pictures. Harry Henry, the well-known American pianist, is the man who has proposed the scheme, and the idea came to him rather as an accident. The Mutual company wanted Mr. Henry to permit their news department to get a picture of him, explaining that they were getting pictures of many of the best-known musicians of the country.

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Indications point to the gathering of 500 graduates at the annual banquet of Washington alumni of Georgetown at the Raleigh on March 4.

The committee on arrangements has been completed as follows: W. C. Gwynn, chairman; John Petritz, Conrad Reid, Frederick Gibbs, John Foot, W. M. Barton, Harry Hickey, H. J. Farnham, E. C. James, James H. R. Verpycke, Matthew Horne, Thomas Cantwell and C. R. Cox.

SUDDEN DEATH

Caused by Disease of the Kidneys.

The close connection which exists between the heart and the kidneys is well known nowadays. As soon as kidneys are diseased, arterial tension is increased and the heart functions are attacked. When the kidneys no longer pour forth waste, uric acid accumulates, and the person dies and the cause is often given as heart disease, or disease of brain or lungs.

THE BEST Photo Play Department in WASHINGTON



G. M. ANDERSON, "Broncho Billy," one of the original actors in motion pictures, whose retirement from the Essanay Company, which he helped to found, is announced today.

Broncho Billy Withdraws From the Essanay Force

G. M. Anderson, "Broncho Billy," has severed his connection with the Essanay company, according to an announcement made today from Chicago by George K. Spoor. Anderson has resigned as secretary of the company and his stock has been purchased by the company. He is now the sole owner of the company which he and Anderson formed about seven years ago and which was named by combining the initials of the names of the two men in a word.

New Pickford Photo Play Written for Young Star

For the first time in her career, Mary Pickford is soon to be starred in a seven-reel feature, "The Little Peppin," which, by the way, is the first photo play written for the star, and is the work of Kate Jordan, will be distributed by the Paramount program, but because of its unusual length, will be especially presented in New York and some of the other large cities in advance of the regular release date. It has the distinction of being the first original photo play written for Miss Pickford since she joined the Famous Players Company.

Snowplow Knocks Light Pole From Its Base

C. Jumping the car track and careening across fifty feet of street, a heavy snowplow brought up against an electric light pole at North Capitol street and Massachusetts avenue yesterday afternoon. The pole knocked the pole from its granite base.

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THE RED CIRCLE

English Classes to Receive Both Men and Women—Exhibits Shown Tonight.

As a feature of the golden jubilee of the Y. W. C. A., the association English classes will be "at home" from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon at a Valentine tea, with Miss Hugh Miller and Miss Alice Drake presiding. Men and women both are invited to attend. Members of the classes in grammar, review, English and American literature, Shakespeare and the history of art, and the booklovers' group will show guests through the building.

University Club to Observe Anniversary

In celebration of the twelfth anniversary of the organization of the University Club, members will gather around the banquet board tonight in the New Willard at a St. Valentine revel.

Collegiate Club Has Patriotic Celebration

Joint exercises in commemoration of the birthday anniversaries of Washington and Lincoln were conducted at the Eighth Street Temple by the Collegiate Club yesterday.

Lincoln Eulogized at John Wesley Church

Services to celebrate Lincoln's birthday were held yesterday at the John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church under the auspices of the National Emancipation Commemorative Society.

CRANDALL'S APOLLO.

The first appearance of Edna Goodrich as a film star was made in "Armstrong's Wife," which is the principal feature of the program at Crandall's Apollo today. The play serves to introduce, also, James Cruze as a Lasky player. The story tells of a young girl who ran away with a gambler. The settings for the film are elaborate and in keeping with the spirit of the play.

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By ALBERT PAYSON TERHUNE. Author of "The Fighter," "Caleb Coker," "Byrta From the Saddle," etc. Novelized from the Photo Play of the Same Name by Will M. Ritchey. (Copyright, 1914, by Albert Payson Terhune.)

(Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.)

The secret of June Travis, cured with the red circle brand of crime, is discovered by Sam.

(Continued from Saturday.)

Excess Baggage.

THE crumpled lunch cloth, bereft of the heavy basket that had so mysteriously disappeared, fluttered defiant corners on the breeze.

Leaning against a rock, near the cave entrance, "Smiling Sam" rubbed a big, knotted hand over the bristly stubble on his chin. It was all coming too fast for him. He was not as young, not as agile, as in the old days, when quick thinking and quick moving came easy. "A Red Circle on June Travis' hand!" he muttered over and over. "How in blazes can that be? What—?"

He crept from the protection of the cavern mouth and peered around the edge of the jutting rock, nearer to Mary and June. Their excited conversation was carried on in high-pitched tones that easily reached the hidden listener's ears.

"Of all the queer things that keep happening! I spend two hours in the kitchen making the very kind of cakes your mother loves, and that awful mixture of said that you are young 'just crazy' about, and then go and have them whisked from under my nose and up into the sky for all I know!"

"Heavenly food to the heavenly throne!" chanted June, mischievously. "That's not nice, pious talk!"

"I do believe you're starving hungry. That's the reason you're being such an old crank," she glibed. "My goodness! We've got more food in the house, and if we haven't, there are shops in Burlington. Can't you look at the funny side of it?"

"There isn't any funny side," Mary persisted. "And my mouth set for cold, deviled crab that was left from last night."

"Well, then, get on your knees and thank your lucky stars that some invisible being vanished with the basket. Cold, deviled crab left from last night, indeed! Why, if you have any, most likely it would have been you, instead of the lunch, soaring heavenward. Mary, your guardian angel else that?"

"Oh, go, long with your nonsense!" exclaimed the irritated old woman.

June raised her right hand and pointed down the beach.

"Is that a man carrying a basket, or do my eyes deceive me?"

Expecting an indignant retort and receiving none at all, made her glance roughly from the corner of her eyes. She found Mary's horrified gaze fixed on her raised hand. The light left her face suddenly.

"Is it there?" she asked, dreading to look.

Mary took hold of the cold finger tips and pressed the marked hand against her breast.

"Yes, it's there," she answered sadly. "Well, daughter of 'Circle Jim', what new mischief are you planning now?"

"Smiling Sam" uttered a quick, gasping sound and ducked behind the rock as the two women looked in his direction. Crouched there, gripping the smoothly worn surface for support, he grinned.

"Circle Jim!"

June's face "Circle Jim's" child. After all these years—with Jim dead—and the son he thought was his, dead too. Memories crowded quickly into Sam's hunched brain. They brought courage and defiance.

He straightened his crumpled knees and pulled himself up cautiously. He could still hear voices, but they seemed farther away. He edged around the rock again.

Mary was pulling at June's arm, urging her to go back to the house. June's composure regained, was laughing at the old woman's fears away.

"Please don't," pleaded Mary. "That mark coming back again and again makes me feel so helpless."

"I'm not going to do anything. And I'll go back to the house with you if you want me to. I might as well, anyway, as long as there's no sign of our

Women to Celebrate Susan Anthony Birthday

Leaders of local organizations affiliated with the National American Woman Suffrage Association will celebrate the birthday of Susan B. Anthony tomorrow evening at a dinner at the Tea Club Inn.

Miss Mary O'Toole will be toastmistress. Among those scheduled to make speeches will be Mrs. Antoinette M. Frank, Hiram Spell, Miss Alice George, Mrs. Carrie E. Kent, Miss Florence F. Smith, president of the Coffee Equal Suffrage League, Mrs. G. A. Mosshart, chairman of the Washington Woman Suffrage Council, and Mrs. Arthur Steinberg. Others who are expected to be present are Mrs. Henry S. Graves, Miss Marie K. Saunders, Mrs. Everett W. Bouchard, Miss Elizabeth Donnan, Miss Ann Ames O'Sullivan, Mrs. Laura Puffer Morgan, and Mrs. Russell B. MacLennan.

Students at "Tech" to Try to Get Gymnasium

Students of McKinley Manual Training School have started a campaign for a school gymnasium. Petitions are now in circulation among the class members, and soon an appeal will be made to Congress for an appropriation.

The McKinley building is the only high school in the District that has no gymnasium, and the lack of this convenience makes it impossible for its students to compete in an athletic way with students of other schools. It is contended.

Basketball enthusiasts of the school have rented an outside gymnasium, but only a limited time is given them to practice. McKinley has 1,000 students, over 1,000 of whom are boys.

Sailors Are Saved.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—Capt. St. Clair and three of the crew of the 64-ton British steamer Cedar Wood, sunk several days ago, have been picked up, according to dispatches received here today.

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